

The Gathering Presents...

Trench Warfare

Guest Speaker .. Kevin Cropp

Summary:

World War One, also known as the Great War, started in 1914 and delivered four unprecedented years of slaughter until 1918. On the Western Front, Germany invaded Belgium & France and were driving to a quick finish when they were stopped short at the Marne River. After some push-back, both sides dug in and began an extended period of trench warfare – a type of warfare unknown to mankind up to that time.

Life in the trenches was grim, and death was often sudden. This presentation provides a look at the men and material needed to survive in the trenches.

Bio:

Kevin Cropp is a retired Navy Supply Corps Captain (O6) with 26 years of service. On active duty he was:

- The Supply Officer on the destroyer USS Davis (DD-937) out of Charleston, SC;
- The Navy Exchange Officer, Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, MA;
- The Supply Officer, Naval Support Activity, Holy Loch, Scotland;
- Worked on the Tomahawk Cruise Missile Project and new construction ship outfitting unit out of Crystal City.

As a reserve, CAPT Cropp drilled mostly with DLA and Navy Supply HQ units, and spent one tour with the Amphibious Seabees.

A native Virginian, CAPT Cropp went to the College of William & Mary on a track scholarship, where he eventually ran a 4:03 mile, and majored in English, with an unofficial minor in History. After his active-duty service, he held positions in procurement & logistics at several major companies, finishing as the Director of Procurement for Anteon/GDIT. He & his wife of 45 years – Jody – have two grown daughters, two worthless cats, and live in Fairfax.



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